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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF SYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO LEBANON

REF: STATE 103692

1. HAVE TOLD BOUTROS APPOINTMENT OF SADR AD-DIN AS UNSYG
REP APPARENTLY NOT IN CARDS AND THAT I GATHER UN SECRETARIAT
HAS COOLED TO IDEA OF APPOINTING ANYONE IN SUCH A POSITION.
HE SEEMED RELIEVED. I ALSO MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT WE
WOULD NOT INTERVENE TO OBJECT IF SOMEONE WITH SATISFACTORY
CREDENTIALS WERE NOMINATED FOR POST. (HE HAD NOT SUGGESTED
THAT WE DO SO.)

2. WITH REGARD LAST SENTENCE OF REFTTEL, I FEAR THAT THERE
HAS BEEN SEMANTIC PROBLEM FROM BEGINNING. TERM "SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE" MEANT TO US SOMEONE OF SAME LEVEL AS JOHN
SAUNDERS, PRESENT UNSYG SPECIAL REP. ALTHOUGH WE THOUGHT
HE SHOULD HAVE THE PERSONAL QUALITIES OF RALPH BUNCHE, WE DID
NOT HAVE IN MIND A BIG GUN LIKE SADR AD-DIN, WHO WOULD RAISE
PROTOCOL PROBLEMS AND GET IN SIILASVUO'S HAIR. RATHER
WE HAD IN MIND SOMEONE WHO COULD ADVISE SIILASVUO AND UN ON
WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE AND WHO COULD PERFORM LIAISON FUNCTION
WITH GOL. IN SHORT, A POLITICAL ADVISOR. SIILASVUO ON APRIL
24 SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE SUCH A PERSON, BUT THERE

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WAS NO ONE IN UN SECRETARIAT WHO WAS AVAILABLE AND ACCEPTABLE.

3. THIS IS ONE OF SUBJECTS I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH USUN
WEEK AFTER NEXT. PARKER

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